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Phase I Refresher Training Reminder

WebEx refresher training sessions are still available during July and August for your teachers (portal), attendance clerks, guidance counselors, principals, etc. who may have responsibility for data entry, and/or reporting in the various modules being offered. Please make your users aware of the sessions and take full advantage of these refresher training opportunities in the areas of:

- Academic History
- Attendance
- Grade Book Portal
- Grade Reporting

Phase II Training Update

Training for Phase II districts will take place from July 11th through August 31st. Training will be provided for the following modules:

- Attendance
- Discipline
- Grade Book Portal
- Grade Reporting

Phase III Data Conversion On-Site Team Visits

Data conversion for Chancery districts has been a challenge during previous phases. In an effort to minimize the problems for subsequent implementation phases, the SSMS Data Conversion Team is in the process of scheduling on-site visits with Phase III districts that currently use Chancery software. Those Phase III districts that currently use Oran software will also be included in the on-site visits. In an effort to assess potential data conversion issues prior to the start of the data conversion process, the on-site visits will occur in July, 2005.

SSMS Regional User Groups Update

Five of the six proposed SSMS Regional User Groups are confirmed. We currently do not have a lead district for the Southeast TN User Group. A grant is available for the lead district for the 2005-06 school year and will be renewed for the 2006-07 school year. If interested, please contact ssms.info@state.tn.us for further information. The SSMS Regional User Groups; are locally formed collaborative working groups for the purpose of problem solving related to the implementation of SSMS and reporting through EIS. Following is a list of the lead districts and the contacts for each user group.

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